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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>  |  | Attorney Docket No.<br><b>0502-1020</b><br>U.S. Application No.<br><b>10/511586</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO.<br><b>PCT/FR03/01253</b>  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br><b>April 18, 2003</b> | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br><b>April 18, 2002</b>                                      |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>DEVICE TO GUARANTEE THE TENSION AND ACCESS TO THE REVERSE FACE OF A STRETCHED CANVAS</b>  |  |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>Jean-Marc SCHERRER and Jean-Paul SCHERRER</b>  |  |   |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |  |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).<br/>The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)) or a Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17(iv).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> <p><b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of IDS citations.</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet &amp; document(s)).</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application (35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <b><u>Abstract, International Search Report PCT/IPEA/409 (International Preliminary Examination Report)</u></b></li> </ol> |  |   |

| U.S. APPLICATION NO. <b>10/511586</b><br>INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO. PCT/FR03/01253  |              | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0502-1020  |              |              |      |    |              |           |  |           |    |                    |         |  |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                     |  |  |  |             |           |  |
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| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:<br><br><b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1)-(5)):</b><br><br>Neither international preliminary examination fee nor international search fee paid to USPTO and international Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO .....\$1110.00<br><br>International preliminary examination fee not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO .....\$950.00<br><br>International preliminary examination fee not paid to USPTO but International search fee paid to USPTO .....\$790.00<br><br>International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provision of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4).....\$750.00<br><br>International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provision of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4).....\$100.00<br><br><b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT</b> |              | <b>CALCULATIONS</b><br><b>PTO USE ONLY</b>   |              |              |      |    |              |           |  |           |    |                    |         |  |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                     |  |  |  |             |           |  |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e))  |              | \$ 950.00  |              |              |      |    |              |           |  |           |    |                    |         |  |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                     |  |  |  |             |           |  |
| <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">CLAIMS</th> <th style="width: 20%;">NUMBER FILED</th> <th style="width: 20%;">NUMBER EXTRA</th> <th style="width: 20%;">RATE</th> <th style="width: 25%;">\$</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total Claims</td> <td>10 - 20 =</td> <td></td> <td>x \$18.00</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent Claims</td> <td>1 - 3 =</td> <td></td> <td>x \$88.00</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)</td> <td>+ \$300.00</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATION =</b></td> <td>\$ 1,080.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>  |              | CLAIMS   | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | \$ | Total Claims | 10 - 20 = |  | x \$18.00 | \$ | Independent Claims | 1 - 3 = |  | x \$88.00 | \$ | MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) |  |  | + \$300.00 | \$ | <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATION =</b> |  |  |  | \$ 1,080.00 | \$ 130.00 |  |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.   |              | \$   |              |              |      |    |              |           |  |           |    |                    |         |  |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                     |  |  |  |             |           |  |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>   |              | \$ 540.00  |              |              |      |    |              |           |  |           |    |                    |         |  |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                     |  |  |  |             |           |  |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).  |              | \$   |              |              |      |    |              |           |  |           |    |                    |         |  |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                     |  |  |  |             |           |  |
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| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) \$40.00 per property +   |              | \$   |              |              |      |    |              |           |  |           |    |                    |         |  |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                     |  |  |  |             |           |  |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>  |              | \$ 540.00  |              |              |      |    |              |           |  |           |    |                    |         |  |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                     |  |  |  |             |           |  |
|   |              | Amount to be refunded:   | \$           |              |      |    |              |           |  |           |    |                    |         |  |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                     |  |  |  |             |           |  |
|   |              | Charged:   | \$           |              |      |    |              |           |  |           |    |                    |         |  |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                     |  |  |  |             |           |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <b>\$540.00</b> to cover the above fees is attached.<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the name of Young & Thompson. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17.   |              |  |              |              |      |    |              |           |  |           |    |                    |         |  |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                     |  |  |  |             |           |  |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:<br>YOUNG & THOMPSON<br>745 South 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street<br>Arlington, VA 22202<br>Telephone (703) 521-2297<br><br>Y&T Customer No. <b>00466</b><br>BC/yr   |              | <br>SIGNATURE<br><br>Benoit Castel, Reg. No. 35,041<br>NAME, REGISTRATION NUMBER<br><br>October 18, 2004<br>DATE |              |              |      |    |              |           |  |           |    |                    |         |  |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                     |  |  |  |             |           |  |